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SUBJECT: ITU: VISIT OF STAFF ASSOCIATION TO U.S.

REF: A) GENEVA 2239; B) GENEVA 2084

1. AS HAS BEEN STATED IN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH ITU, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE ITU STAFF ASSOCIATION DURING ITS VISIT TO THE U.S. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHO IS COMING AND THE TRIP'S PURPOSE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE SHOULD BE INVOLVED. THE BASIC QUESTION IS THE TRIP'S PURPOSE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE STAFF ASSOCIATION IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH A TRAVEL AGENT FOR A LOW-COST CHARTER-TYPE TRIP TO U.S., THAT THE MEMBERS ARE PAYING THEIR OWN EXPENSES AND THAT THEIR PRINCIPLE PURPOSE IS SIGHTSEEING AND RECREATION. WHILE HERE, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT SOME U.S. TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT,
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AND WE BELIEVE U.S. INDUSTRY, WOULD BE PLEASED TO FACILITATE THE LATTER, BUT BEFORE UNDERTAKING ARRANGEMENTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DEGREE OF SERIOUS INTEREST AMONG STAFF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS FOR PROFESSIONAL VISITS TO INSTALLATIONS SUCH AS RCAGC OPERATIONS CENTER OR BELL LABORATORIES. WE WOULD NOT WISH TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ONE HUNDRED AND HAVE ONLY TWENTY SHOW UP.

2. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE COMING AND THE GROUP'S COMPOSITION. ARE WIVES AND CHILDREN INCLUDED? ARE THEY PRIMARILY PROFESSIONAL STAFF OR A MIXTURE OF P

AND G GRADES? ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ALSO HAVE A BEARING ON WHETHER DEPARTMENT SHOULD ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY TO UNDERTAKE EXPENSE OF REPRESENTATION ACTIVITIES.

3. WHILE WE APPRECIATE KIRBY'S OFFER TO BE OF ASSISTANCE THROUGH HIS CONTACTS IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY, WE SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD HANDLE COORDINATION ROLE TO AVOID CONFUSION.
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